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On page 8 of the specification (note: page 7 is the page under the <u>TITLE</u>,

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", line 3, after "from", —a container 15

## IN THE DRAWINGS:

through-- has been inserted.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: in Figure 1, "containers" have been labeled as -15-, as per the attached drawing. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 20-38 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a device for the volumetric measurement and dispensing of liquids in combination with the other claimed limitations of claim 20:

"a means to detect the presence or absence of liquid in said at least one conduit so that the precise location of said liquid in relation to said plurality of valves and said variable volume chamber is determined."

The prior art fails to disclose or render obvious a device for the volumetric measurement and dispensing of liquids in combination with the other claimed limitations of claim 29:

"a means for removing gas from a system formed by said variable volume chamber, said at least one valve, and said at least one conduit, said means for removing gas comprising a fluid path extending from the interior to the exterior of said